

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. : 10/567,426  
Applicants : Werner LUBITZ  
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Customer No.: 6449

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008, please consider the amendments and remarks contained on the following pages. This response is being timely filed on or before the March 23, 2009 deadline (March 22, 2009 falls on a Sunday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.